

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016, 10:04 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, in Room 109 in the Health Sciences Building of John C. Calhoun Community College in Tanner, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

**PRESIDING: MR. AL THOMPSON
VICE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mrs. Crystal Brown, ACCS Trustee – District 5, followed the invocation by Mr. Blake McAnally, ACCS Trustee – At Large.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson
Mr. Ron Fantroy
Mrs. Susan Foy
Mr. Frank Caldwell
Mrs. Crystal Brown
Mr. Milton Davis
Mr. Chuck Smith
Mr. Blake McAnally
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter

Governor Robert Bentley and Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, did not attend the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Thompson stated that he had been presented with two items for the agenda that will require the agenda to be modified and amended. He asked for a motion to add items VII.A.1. Grant Personal Leave to Dr. Heinrich and VII.A.2. Appoint an Acting Chancellor and to renumber items VII.A.1. (FAULKNER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Construction and Renovation Projects and Issuance of Bonds) to VII.A.3. and VII.A.2. (ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM Allocation of 2015-2016 Industry Certification Initiative Funds) to VII.A.4. On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Smith, the modified and amended agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Caldwell, second by Mrs. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals registered to speak.

SECTION VII

**(ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, ADULT EDUCATION, FACILITIES, FISCAL,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)**

ADOPTED

Mr. Thompson stated that he received a letter late Tuesday, August 9, from Chancellor Mark Heinrich requesting a leave of absence due to his medical concerns. Mr. Thompson explained that copies of Chancellor Heinrich's letter were provided to the Trustees. On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the requested leave of absence for Dr. Mark Heinrich.

Mr. Thompson stated, that based on the Chancellor's absence, he felt it would be appropriate to appoint an acting chancellor to provide the proper leadership for the System office and colleges. Mr. Thompson called for a motion. On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Jimmy Baker, Chief of Staff, as acting chancellor.

**FAULKNER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mrs. Brown, the Board authorized the issuance of its approximately \$6,750,000 Faulkner State Community College limited obligation revenue bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of renovating the Career Technology Center and the Advanced Technology Center and constructing an Information Technology Center building." It is further recommended "That other details of the said Series 2016 Bonds will be set forth in the attached resolution. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than August 31, 2017, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal Consideration: \$7,511,000 (\$760,000 Unexpended Plant Funds \$6,750,000 Revenue Bonds). Approximate Annual Debt Service is \$451,000.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALLOCATION OF 2015-2016 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE FUNDS**

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Davis, the Board authorized the allocation of a portion of the FY2015-2016 Industry Certification Initiative Funds as outlined below. Fiscal Consideration: \$150,102 – FY2015-2016 Education Trust Fund Industry Certification Initiative Funds

\$24,302 Jefferson State Community College for tuition and books for Industrial Maintenance Tech Training in partnership with WKW Erbsloeh.

\$65,800 Shelton State Community College for training, instructor salary, materials and supplies, security, administrative costs, books, and public relations for the Carpentry Program Pipeline in partnership with West Alabama Works.

\$30,000 Wallace State Community College-Hanceville for training individuals in Commercial Drivers License (CDL), Certified Logistics Technical Training (CLT), and/or Certified Logistics Associate Training (CLA) in partnership with My-Way Trucking.

\$30,000 Wallace State Community College-Hanceville for staff development/training, network cabling, and telephone equipment for the Healthcare Call Center in partnership with Cullman Economic Development Agency.

**SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

ADOPTED

**ALABAMA SOUTHERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, JEFFERSON DAVIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND FAULKNER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

APPROVAL OF NAME, MISSION STATEMENT, MAIN CAMPUS, CAMPUSES AND INSTRUCTIONAL SITES, AND SERVICE AREA OF THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED INSTITUTION

Mr. Thompson invited Dr. Gary Branch to comment on the proposed action item. Dr. Branch stated that they are excited about the new college and the new name. He said the unanimous vote to change the name was made by students, faculty and community representing Alabama Southern Community College, Jefferson Davis Community College and Faulkner State Community College. He said it will represent them well. On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Caldwell, the Board approved the name, mission statement, main campus, campuses and instructional sites and service area of the proposed regional institution created through the consolidation of Alabama Southern Community College, Jefferson Davis Community College and Faulkner State Community College. Such approval is subject to the acceptance and approval of the Substantive Change Prospectus by the Southern Association of Colleges Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Fiscal consideration: None

**SECTION IX
(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)**

Mr. Thompson recognized Senator Arthur Orr. He thank Senator Orr for his support of the Alabama Community College System, the Board of Trustees and for his great leadership in our State.

Mr. Thompson said he could not say enough wonderful things about the community. He said that this is a great economic region and he is looking forward to bigger and better things from Calhoun Community College.

Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Milton Davis had been appointed by the Governor to the Office of Education and Workforce Statistics Advisory Board. He thanked Mr. Davis for his service.

Mr. Thompson said we have had several items come before the Board in Work Sessions in the past several months. I would like to address those and refer them to appropriate committees. Review of compensation schedules in the System – the demand for advance career technical education career path increases the disparity between the salaries of the students are making once they are out and employed and that of their instructors. I believe that disparity seems to be greater and greater. I believe that that is a key issue that we need to review as a Board. I have spoken to Chairman McAnally of the Finance and Audit Committee and have asked that his committee take on this issue for a full review and draw on all the resources of our State to carefully think this through. If needed, to draw on outside resources for analysis and consultation. This is very important. We need to attract top notch instructors and keep the ones we have. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. McAnally to speak to this. Mr. McAnally said that the committee met that morning for an hour and a half and did discuss this issue. The committee is excited about the opportunity and challenge. Acting Chancellor Baker said that the System Office will provide assistance with whatever is needed.

Mr. Thompson said the next item he would like a committee to review is the Alabama Community College System's service areas. The offerings of the courses of study via the Internet and distance education have become much more relevant than they were many years ago. Online education seems to be the way of the future and is more common today. More students today have more reliable transportation. He asked Mr. Fantroy, Chairman of the Policy Committee, to have the Policy Committee review the Alabama Community College System's service areas. He asked that they be thoughtful in their review, draw on any resources that are necessary for a thorough review and to come back with a recommendation to the Board. In addition, Mr. Thompson asked the Policy Committee to make a thorough review of the tenure policy within our System and to come back with their recommendation to the Board. Mr. Fantroy said that on behalf of the Policy Committee, we will take on your request to review those two items. Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Fantroy and the committee for their willingness to take on these reviews. Mr. Baker stated that the System Office will provide whatever support the Committee will need.

Mr. Thompson announced that the College has set up a tour of the Health Sciences Building led by President Klauber and a windshield tour of the campus for the Trustees and Presidents.

SECTION X
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Presidents Conference Room.

Mr. Thompson asked Senator Orr if he had anything to say which Senator Orr said, "You caught me writing a letter to the Chairman and each of the Board members thanking them for their service to our State and for their diligence that they showed today by making tough choices on consolidation. That was not easy. You are fulfilling the dream the Legislature and many others had for Postsecondary by having an appointed Board come together to make these very difficult decisions, but necessary for our State. I want to thank each one of you. Also in his letter, he thanked those from the southern end of the state for making the long journey up to the north. We are really honored by your presence."

Mary Scott Hunter stated that she would not be able to attend the Work Session today. She will be heading to Montgomery for tomorrow's State Board of Education meeting vote on the next State Superintendent. She said that she had been able to gain some additional understanding about transitional education / adult education. Once we get the transition done, we have some real good opportunities to collaboratively attack that problem from the K-12 side as well as from the community college side. She is very excited about it. She wanted to raise that to the Board's awareness and wish you well in the Work Session today. Mr. Thompson said that we wish you and the rest of your Board all the best as you deliberate and vote on your Superintendent of Education. He said we appreciate your leadership as Pro Temp of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Thompson thanked Dr. Jimmy Baker for accepting the Board's appointment as Acting Chancellor. He said, "We are so fortunate to have someone with Dr. Baker's experience and good judgement to fill in during Chancellor Heinrich's absence."

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mrs. Brown, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Vice President

Acting Chancellor